

Collingswood Community Theater is excited to announce auditions for:

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Music & Lyric by
William Finn

Book By
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Additional Material By
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Originally Directed on Broadway by James Lapine

We are looking for a diverse cast of 11 high energy performers, ages 18+. Performers are encouraged to audition for any role of their choice. Music and dialogue will be performed as written.

PRODUCTION TEAM:

Directed by Caitlin Halligan & Kate Scharff - Music Direction by Erik Meyer - Choreography by Kate Scharff

Questions to Caitlin & Kate (cctheater2023@gmail.com)

PERFORMANCE DATES:

- January 19th - Evening Performance
- January 20th - Matinee & Evening Performances
- January 26th - Evening Performance
- January 27th - Matinee & Evening Performances

Tech Rehearsals:

- January 14th - Tech week will start on 1/14. A firm schedule will be given upon casting

Rehearsals:

- Rehearsals will begin on Monday November 13th- *you will only be called when needed.*
 - Mondays & Wednesdays 6:30pm - 9:00pm & Sunday afternoons 1:30- 4:00pm

There is a Registration fee of \$75 per person. Fee includes a cast t-shirt and two comp tickets -

- Mandatory attendance at tech rehearsals and all performances -

GENERAL AUDITIONS:

Monday, October 16,th from 6:00pm - 9:00pm at the Collingswood Theater, 315 White Horse Pike, Collingswood, NJ

Please audition for one lead only. You will be considered for others.

Please fill out the audition form and bring it to auditions.

Please refer to the Audition character time slot below.

Audition Call Times:

- 6:00pm - Ensemble Audition (Seeking two male presenting ensemble roles)
- 6:20pm - Chip Tolentino
- 6:40pm - Logan Schwartzangrubeniene
- 7:00pm - Leaf Coneybear
- 7:20pm - William Barfee
- 7:40pm - Marcy Park
- 8:00pm - Olive Ostrovsky
- 8:20pm - Rona Lisa Peretti
- 8:40pm - Douglas Panch & Mitch Mahoney

Audition Materials

- **Ensemble**

- “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” - measures 4-23 0:00 - 0:35
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kxRwrsUgKuo&list=PLr0OxBzqeLNdcmrH18La-7P2wamZMo7-U>
(With vocals)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HIK4IN4gmkA&index=15&list=PLr0OxBzqeLNdcmrH18La-7P2wamZMo7-U>
(No vocals)
- No Side required

- **Chip Tolentino**

- “My Unfortunate Erection” - Measures - measures 49-64 - 1:20 - 1:45
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JztZJ9Y0AR0&list=PLr0OxBzqeLNdcmrH18La-7P2wamZMo7-U&index=11>
(With Vocals)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzdfGLDz9d4&index=24&list=PLr0OxBzqeLNdcmrH18La-7P2wamZMo7-U>
(No Vocals)
- Chip side - pages 36-37

- **Logainne Schwartzandgrubeniére (Schwartz)**

- “Woe Is Me” - measures 18-39 0:30-0:59
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6sinABx2Ec4&list=PLr0OxBzqeLNdcmrH18La-7P2wamZMo7-U&index=12>
(With Vocals)
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_DpaRadpyk&list=PLr0OxBzqeLNdcmrH18La-7P2wamZMo7-U&index=25
(No Vocals)
- Schwartz side- pg 60-61

- **Leaf Coneybear**

- “I’m not that Smart” - measures 1-32 0:00-1:19
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RPKe0Dubu2l&index=6&list=PLr0OxBzqeLNdcmrH18La-7P2wamZMo7-U>
(With Vocals)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Auw7hgHV3w&index=20&list=PLr0OxBzqeLNdcmrH18La-7P2wamZMo7-U>
(No Vocals)
- Coneybear side - pg 11-13

- **William Barfee**

- “Magic Foot” - measures 5-33 0:30-1:16
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDZTozf88_s&list=PLr0OxBzqeLNdcmrH18La-7P2wamZMo7-U&index=7
(With Vocals)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HPJHBzegfs&list=PLr0OxBzqeLNdcmrH18La-7P2wamZMo7-U&index=21>
(No Vocals)
- Barfee sides - pg 44-45

- **Marcy Park**

- “I Speak 6 Languages” - measures 1-16 0:00-0:34
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XUM07l_j5bs&list=PLr0OxBzqeLNdcmrH18La-7P2wamZMo7-U&index=12
(With Vocals)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hOmlpHdmBu0&list=PLr0OxBzqeLNdcmrH18La-7P2wamZMo7-U&index=26>
(No Vocals)
- Marcy side - pg 56-57

- **Olive Ostrovsky**

- “My Friend the Dictionary” - measures 1-29 0:00-0:54
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XyyxTBxj4nM&list=PLr0OxBzqeLNdcmrH18La-7P2wamZMo7-U&index=3>
(With Vocals)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nnk3Bpk2GaY&list=PLr0OxBzqeLNdcmrH18La-7P2wamZMo7-U&index=17>
(No Vocals)
- Olive side - pg 44-45

- **Rona Lisa Peretti**

- “The Rules” - measures 32-64, 0:52-1:51
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mitl_vx2C_o&index=2&list=PLr0OxBzqeLNdcmrH18La-7P2wamZMo7-U
(With Vocals)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmHifPBSx3A&index=16&list=PLr0OxBzqeLNdcmrH18La-7P2wamZMo7-U>
(No Vocals)
- Rona side - pg 7-8

- **Douglas Panch**
 - "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" - measures 4-23 0:00 - 0:35
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kxRwrsUgKuo&list=PLr0OxBzqeLNdcmrH18La-7P2wamZMo7-U> (With vocals)
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HIK4IN4gmkA&index=15&list=PLr0OxBzqeLNdcmrH18La-7P2wamZMo7-U> (No vocals)
 - Panch side - pg 74-75
- **Mitch Mahoney**
 - "Prayer of Comfort Counselor" - measures 2-28 0:00-0:59
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=epmMhIYJJ7M&list=PLr0OxBzqeLNdcmrH18La-7P2wamZMo7-U&index=10> (With Vocals)
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h2vzyn-VHh4&index=23&list=PLr0OxBzqeLNdcmrH18La-7P2wamZMo7-U> (No Vocals)
 - Mitch side - pg 38 only
- **Various other tracks will be given out within the cast**

Character Break down

Chip Tolentino: An athletic, social, boy scout and champion of the Twenty-Fourth Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, he returns to defend his title, but he finds puberty hitting at an inopportune moment.

Logainne Schwartzandgrubeniére (Schwartz): Logainne is the youngest and most politically aware speller, often making comments about current political figures. She is driven by internal and external pressure, but above all by a desire to win to make her two fathers proud. She is somewhat of a neat freak, speaks with a lisp, and will be back next year.

Leaf Coneybear: The second runner-up in his district, Leaf gets into the competition on a lark and finds everything about the bee incredibly amusing. He is home-schooled and comes from a large family of former hippies. He has severe Attention Deficit Disorder and spells words correctly while in a trance.

William Barfee: A Putnam County Spelling Bee finalist last year, he was eliminated because of an allergic reaction to peanuts and is back for vindication. His famous "Magic Foot" method of spelling has boosted him to spelling glory, even though he only has one working nostril and a touchy, bullying personality. He develops a crush on Olive.

Marcy Park: The ultimate overachiever, Marcy has never been given another option. She comes from a family where excellence is expected and so simply produced. A parochial school student, she assumes God, too, expects perfection. She sees herself as a mass of problems but she keeps them to herself. Having moved often because of her parents' work, she knows she can beat the local competition. Her many talents include piano, dance, martial arts, baton twirling, and/or whatever special gifts you can find in your casting pool.

Olive Ostrovsky: A young newcomer to competitive spelling. Her mother is in an ashram in India, and her father is working late, as usual, but he is trying to come sometime during the bee. Having found comfort in its words and vastness, Olive made friends with her dictionary at a very young age, helping her to make it to the competition. She starts enormously shy, and shyly blossoms.

Rona Lisa Peretti: The number-one realtor in Putnam County, a former Putnam County Spelling Bee Champion herself, and the returning moderator. She is a sweet woman who loves children, but she can be very stern when it comes to dealing with Vice Principal Panch and his feelings for her. Her interest in the competition is unflagging and drives it forward.

Douglas Panch: The Vice Principal. Frustrated with his life, he finds the drive of the young spellers alien to him. After five years' absence from the Bee, Panch returns as judge. There was an "incident" at the Twentieth Annual Bee, but he claims to be in "a better place" now, thanks to a high-fiber diet and Jungian analysis. He is infatuated with Rona Lisa Peretti, but she does not return his affections.

Mitch Mahoney: The Official Comfort Counselor. Mitch is performing his community service with the Bee, and hands out juice boxes to losing students. He has no idea how to offer comfort, but does find himself wishing he could find a way to make the kids feel better.

